

***In the Claims:***

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1 – 1. (Currently amended) A process for self-help video production of events of  
2 interest to groups of interested persons at each of a plurality of originating  
3 institutions, and of recording or storing, and processing and transmitting on  
4 demand the video recorded events to subscribers among said groups of interested  
5 persons, the events being produced by respective ones of said originating  
6 institutions, and each event being categorized in an identifiable category of events,  
7 comprising:

8 obtaining a video production of each of said events, by self-help, in-house  
9 capturing the event at said originating institution using at least one video camera  
10 and at least one microphone, such that the video productions each including at  
11 least one video channel and an audio channel;

12 transmitting said video production to a central digital clearing house, the  
13 clearing house having a computer processor for digitally processing each said  
14 video production to prepare the video channel and audio channel thereof for  
15 digital storage and retransmission, a digital memory arrangement with capacity  
16 sufficient for storing a multiplicity of said video productions; and a web  
17 transmitter for transmitting the stored video productions of said events to said  
18 subscribers on demand;

19 converting at said clearing house said video and audio channels of said  
20 video productions to a digital format suitable for webcasting, and storing same at  
21 storage locations on the associated digital memory arrangement.

22 the step of converting including editing the contents of said video  
23 production at said clearing house to render it suitable for transmission  
24 to a subscriber and viewing by said subscriber;

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25        said clearing house creating a subscriber accessible index of the video  
26        productions stored in the memory arrangement at said clearing house, the index  
27        having categories including originating institution, type of event, and date of  
28        event;

29        providing to a plurality of subscribers digital access, via a global computer  
30        network, to the video recordings of the events as stored on the memory  
31        arrangement at said clearing house, including providing each said subscriber  
32        access via said global computer network to said index, permitting the subscriber to  
33        select one or more categories of said index, and permitting the subscriber to select  
34        a desired video production within the selected one or more categories; and  
35        transmitting to said subscriber the selected video production over said  
36        global computer network.

1        2. (Previously presented) The process of producing and transmitting of video  
2        events according to Claim 1 wherein step of obtaining a video production includes  
3        recording the captured event on a portable physical video recording medium, and  
4        said step of transmitting includes physically transporting said portable recording  
5        medium via a public express service to said clearing house.

1        3. (Original) The process of producing and transmitting of video events according  
2        to Claim 2 wherein said portable physical video record medium includes a video  
3        tape cassette.

1        4. (Original) The process of producing and transmitting of video events according  
2        to Claim 2 wherein said portable physical video record medium includes a digital

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3 optical disk.

1 5. (Original) The process of producing and transmitting of video events according  
2 to Claim 1 wherein said originating institutions include academic institutions  
3 having athletic programs, and said categories include sports events at said  
4 academic institutions.

1 6. (Previously presented) The process of producing and transmitting of video  
2 events according to Claim 1 wherein said step of transmitting includes supplying,  
3 via a video channel, the video and audio channels in real time to said clearing  
4 house; and said clearing house providing to subscribers with access authorization  
5 the video and audio channels in real time to said clearing house, and said clearing  
6 house providing to subscribers with access authorization said video and audio  
7 channels in real time as a live web video presentation, and also recording said  
8 event for digital storage and retransmission in said digital memory arrangement.

1 7. (Original) The process of producing and transmitting of video events according  
2 to Claim 1 wherein the step of obtaining a video production of said events  
3 includes obtaining images from two cameras, feeding both said images to a control  
4 module having two video screens, and employing a control means to select one or  
5 the other of said images.

1 8. (Original) The process of producing and transmitting of video events according  
2 to Claim 1 further comprising, prior to transmitting, verifying access authorization  
3 for any said subscriber that is seeking access to said stored video recordings for  
4 viewing same.

1 9. (Previously presented) The process of producing and transmitting of video  
2 events according to Claim 5, wherein said subscribers include institutional  
3 subscribers each of which has an internal Local Area Network, allowing  
4 individuals at said institutional subscriber to plug into the Local Area Network  
5 and view archived ones of said video productions.

1 10. (Previously presented) The process of producing and transmitting video  
2 events according to Claim 7, wherein said step of obtaining a video production  
3 includes employing a portable video production module which includes feeds from  
4 said cameras and said microphones, a housing, a panel in said housing holding  
5 first and second screens on which the video output images of said two cameras are  
6 displayed, respectively, and a control panel that is slidably removable from said  
7 housing, and which includes a camera selection toggle serving as said means to  
8 select one or the others of said images.

1 11. (Previously presented) The process of producing and transmitting video  
2 events according to Claim 10, in which said step of obtaining a video production  
3 further includes employing a computer coupled with said video production module  
4 for inserting titling and graphics concerning the event onto said video images.

1 12. (Previously presented) The process of producing and transmitting video  
2 events according to Claim 10, in which said control panel further includes means  
3 permitting an operator to select audio balance between said microphones. —

institution to provide the games and meets to its alumni, student body, and anyone else.

Claim 1 and its dependent claims were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being allegedly obvious and unpatentable over Ellis et al. in view of Chen et al. and Broadcast.com (of record).

Ellis et al. relates to a home video system that can be tied to a cable casting network, and where a user can prepare a personal video program that is transmitted to the video cablehead, where it can be stored on a server, and can be viewed later by subscribers or via the Internet. Ellis provides for conversion of the video program, i.e., from one format into another, i.e., into MPEG, as stated at column 4, lines 6 to 18. This reformatting does not affect the contents of the video program, and does not constitute nor suggest editing the contents of the video program at Ellis et al.'s distribution facility, or at any sort of clearing house.

Chen et al. only relates to a technique of deriving stills from video and adding back the accompanying sound. Broadcast.com is concerned with a facility for listening to audio-only broadcasts of scheduled collegiate athletic events, and does not suggest any sort of self-help technique. Neither of these references suggests the amendatory matter in Amended Claim 1. The remaining claims depend from Claim 1 and are believed allowable for that reason, as well as on the basis of the limitations introduced in the dependent claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully urges that the Claims now being asserted, namely, Claims 1 to 12, clearly define over the prior art, and requests early and favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted

  
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